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(1) ALL REFERENCES TO SPACE LUNCHRS LOULD BE DELETED.

PACE LAUNCHERS ARE NOT PROPERLY THE SUBJECT OF A STRATEGIC ARMS
LIMITATION AGREEMENT. THEY ARE NOT ICBM AN SLOM LAUNCHERS. AND
OTHER SYSTEMS NOT COVERED BY THE AGREEMENT (E.GGM MR/IRBMS) ARE
NOT SPECIFICALLY XEMPTED.

(2) DELEGTION WOULD CONTINUE TO INSIST ON INCLUSION OF THE PROHIBITION ON A IGNINICANT INCREASE IN TEST AND TRAINING LAUNCHERS FOR HEAVH ICOMS.

(3) DELEGATION WOULD PROPO E THVAT IRESENT BRACKETED SUBPARAGRAPH (C) OF PARAGRAPH 2 OE DELTED ND THE FOLLOWING NEW SUBPARAGRAPH (C) BE SUSTITUTED THREFOR. "OPERATIONAL ICBM AND SLBM LAUNCHERS USED FOR TESTING OR TRAINING SHALL BE CONSIDERED OPERATIONAL LUNCHERS." UNDER THIS LANGUAGE IT WOULD BE CLEAR THAT USING ANY OPERATIONAL ICBM OR SLBM LAUNCHER FOR TESTING AND TRAINING WOULD NOT THEREBY EXEMPT ANY SUCH LAUNCHER FROM THE LIMITATIONS BY THE AGREEMENT, ALSO UNDER THIS PARASES C R E T

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GRAPH ANY SIGNIFICANT INCREASE IN TEST AND TRAINING LAUNCHERS COULD BE CHALLENGED AS BEING POSSIBLE OPERATIONAL LAUNCHERS AS WELL AS BEING IN VIOLATION OF SUBPARAGRAPH (A) OF PARAGRAPH 2 OR ARTICLE VII.

3. DELEGATION BELIEVES THAT THE FORMULATION OF THIS ARTICLE HAS NO BEARING ON THE RESOLUTION OF THE ISUE OF WHETHER THE 18 SS-9 LAUNCHERS AT TYURATAM ARE OPERATIONAL OR TEST AND TRAINING. 4. IF THE DELEGATION SUGGESTION IS APPROVED, THE US PROPOSAL FOR ARTICLE VII WOULD READ AS FOLLOWS:

"1. THE LIMITATION PROVIDED FOR IN ARTICLE III OF THIS AGREEMENT SHALL NOT APPLY TO ICBM AND SLBM TEST AND TRAINING LAUNCHERS.

2. THE PARTIES AGREE THAT:

(A) THERE SHALL BE NO SIGNIFICANT INCREASE IN THE NUMBER OF ICBM OR SLBM TEST AND TRAINING LAUNCHERS OR IN THE NUMBER OF SUCH LAUNCHERS FOR HEAVY ICBMS.

(B) CONSTRUCTION OR CONVERSION OF ICBM LAUNCHERS AT TEST RANGES SHALL BE UNDERTAKEN ONLY FOR PURPOSES OF TESTING AND TRINING.

(C) OPERATIONAL ICBM AND SLBM LAUNCHERS USED FOR TESTING OR TRAINING SHALL BE CONSIDERED OPERATIONAL LAUNCHERS."
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